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(C) Political Officer delivered reftel A demarche to Veronika Kuchynova-Smigolova, the Czech MFA's Director for Security Policy, and her deputy, Petr Chalupecky, on December 19. Kuchynova-Smigolova and Chalupecky were skeptical that any progress could be made with the Russians on CFE. Political officer delivered reftel B demarche to Petr Chalupecky on December 31. He appreciated receiving the official readout, but was not surprised that the Fried-Antonov meetings did not yield significant results.